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Chapter 11 - Manage' And 'Protect' Are Two Different Things

side : Yuki, real name : Kazuya . Torino

「Oh oh ～ It's a big crowd, with a lot of people! But I can't figure out their numbers, though.」

Throughout a monitor, I was able to watch the Dungeon. Soldiers with good and sturdy armors, nearly 1000 of them, were coming one by one inside.

「Eto… Yuki-San? I want you to know… Those guards are elites from the Royal Capital…What should we do? 」

Herge, with a small and horrified voice, called out to me.

「Try to understand the present situation!! Herge and Me will die at this rate!!」

My reaction made Seraria angry. She is not at all like her sister Herge, a difficult character.
Her hair on each side of her head looked like drills. Is this curled? No way it is! But those drills are not made cheaply.
Is it because they got the same silver hairs that they look so similar?

「We have to leave!! Listen, follow us, there is no other way!!」

The two of them took shelter inside the Dungeon. As the result, soldiers from Roshuru's country followed them.
Geez…Can't you at least keep your promise? I got totally tricked here. Apparently, Herge already spoke about the existence of the "Dungeon Master".

「You're right ～ there is no need to fight back. We should send a notice saying that the Dungeon Master wants to surrender.」

「Ehh? What about you, aren't you the Dungeon Master?」

「I'm only known as a Dungeon Master by you. It will confuse them if I go out. Herge you go out. Seraria is safe if she stays here.」

「Uhh!? I have to go as the Dungeon Master!?」

side : Seraria . Nou . Roshuru

「No way… You don't intend to make Herge your substitute as a Dungeon Master right?」

Judging from the remark a short while ago, this man is suspicious. Herge said she trusted the man called a Dungeon Master. I'm not even sure he is really one.

「Ane-Sama!?」
「Stay quiet Herge! And you, you must give me a good explanation.」
「Oh really? Seraria, you didn't see that you're not affected by the poison inside my skill's protection?」
「As long as the Dungeon core is still alive, if Herge dies on the other side, she will appear again on this side.」

After speaking, he pointed at the gem held on top of the Throne.
Thanks to Herge, I know that this gem and he are connected. If the gem disappears, he will also disappear along with it.

「… The Minister is waiting outside. As soon as you go out you'll definitely get killed you know?」
「It's not important. The world will have no meaning if Herge dies. If that happens I'll definitively kill you and Loire !!」
We all became quiet, but suddenly, he burst out in laughter, breaking the silence.

「Bu Ahahaahah!! …Sorry. Herge explained it to you. but it's a false.」
「Ehh?」
「Wah?」

From inside his pocket, he took the gem and displayed it to the confused us.

「The Dungeon needs a Dungeon core to stay alive. But that doesn't

mean a false core can't exist. I already set some of them. I also created a secret passage just in case I need to escape the Dungeon.」
「Haaaaaaa!?」
「Heeeeeee!?」

A Dungeon Master leaving is Dungeon? I never heard of it before.

「however, It's not the time to escape yet.」

side : Seraria's personal army, Leader : Kur . Este

We came at the Dungeon under the direct authority of the King, to suppress the Dungeon Master in order to save Seraria-Sama and Herge-Sama.

The imitation of Herge-Sama poisoned and kidnaped Seraria-Sama. It's troublesome, but we don't know the strength of the Dungeon Master yet. The upper echelon decreed that,: 「Because her strength wasn't enough to take over the country」, she had to run in an attempt to take refuge at the Dungeon.
(Tl : They believe in the fact that the false Herge is the Dungeon Master)

This judgement does not satisfy me. It's due to the result of an investigation within the domestic's department. It seems a threatening shadow has been seen around Seraria-Sama's room.
Also, I discovered that Herge-Sama is held responsible for the destruction of an entire village.
Thanks to Seraria-Sama, I had the chance to talk with Herge-Sama many times. Nevertheless, to the fact she uses the same name as the kind and gentle Holy Woman, I can't help but doubt.

Herge-Sama's carriage received an attack. She went missing after that. The search started immediately by the command of Seraria-Sama. The place the carriage got attacked, is deep inside the other country. 15 days away. Though I'm not sure, because it's far away from the battlefield. This carriage was judged as the one belonging to Herge-Sama.

I wonder, why kidnap Seraria-Sama after poisoning her?

「Was it necessary? After poisoning her, to bring her away?」

Is what I Muttered. Wait, I just thought of something. Why is the mission called “The rescue of Seraria-Sama”? When she could die from the poison at any moment?

「Wrong, because they’re convinced that she’s alive…. After all the fake Herge-Sama might be real.」

The corpse of Herge-Sama wasn’t found. In fact, the accusation from Loire, can easily be countered by an argument such as “Herge-Sama could never do such a thing”. Only the persons trusted by Loire saw the real scene. Isn’t Loire, the most doubtful person then?

It has been decided already, the false Herge-Sama should be a weak Dungeon Master. She’ll probably see me as an enemy.

Should I protect Seraria-Sama and Herge-Sama? What can I do…
While I was pondering, the dungeon became bright. Reflected over the ceiling were Seraria-Sama and Herge-Sama.

Side : Herge. Rau . Roshuru

「A..no. I’m Herge Rau Roshuru.」

For my first time, I became tense.
To my surprise, The monitor is also able to project my voice and form to the other party. That’s because Yuki-San always used it to watch.
No, now isn’t the time. I must remove this misunderstanding.

「Please hear me out. I did not poison Seraria Ane-Sama, it’s a misunderstanding. Seraria Ane-Sama’s safety is the proof, I’m saying the truth.」

「Everybody. I, Seraria Nou Roshuru, can guarantee that Herge here is genuine. Therefore, this incident was nothing but a vulgar plan for the sake of killing both of us!!」

The soldiers, as displayed on the monitor, started to tremble.

「Stop telling lies!! Everybody, don’t be tricked! Seraria-Sama is

under control. There is no reason to keep alive someone under the effect of poison !! This imitation must be frightened by us, she is definitely threatening her in order to stay alive!! 」

After the soldier shouted, roars of approbation rose amongst other soldiers.

「I agree!! You are saying that you are innocent? So why aren't you coming here!! No, in the first place, why had you even escaped to the Dungeon!! 」
「Yeah!! If you're innocent, then there is no reason for you to escape!! You cowardly imposter. 」
「Wether Seraria-Sama is the real thing is doubtful!! Why would the fearless Seraria-Sama, stays quiet as a prisoner!! 」
「How come? Is Seraria-Sama already…!? 」

On Ane-Sama' head, a blue vein is popping… Scary.

「It's the truth!! Due to some circumstances, we can't appear in front of you, soldiers. Please retreat. If you advance any further, I will not hold back !! 」
Raising my hope, I tried to make them retreat, however…

「She is displaying her true nature !! In the depth of the dungeon she can't escape!! Moreover, monsters never appeared inside the Dungeon so far!! She's weak! 」
「You can not confuse us with your schemes!! Prepare!! 」

Coming forward, a man appeared on the monitor. The crowd became quiet.

「Herge-Sama and Seraria-Sama warnings, I heard them. Despite that, I can't testify if you are the real deal. After securing you two, according to his majesty's order, I will find the truth 」

Ares . Leicester. is the commander of the Royal corp from the country of Roshuru.

Level 122, a living legend.

side : Oriel

Around a thousand guards started to invade the dungeon.

「Ahh mouhh. That man is a blockhead !!」
「Take it easy Ane-Sama.」
「With that situation, we don't have a choice… What will you do? This Dungeon, with his 3 floors, is definitely not a newborn.」

She stared at Yuki after saying this much.
Despite of that, Yuki, with an expressionless attitude, kept watching the map. Seraria-Sama got totally ignored.

「Oriel !! Say something!! We're running out of time!! We need to get out of here!!」
「Yuki, I know how you are attached to this Dungeon, but we will lose the opportunity to escape」

With a gesture of his hand. Yuki told her to stop.

「Would you like to see?」

Saying so, he showed us the monitor. He pointed at the invading soldiers displayed on the screen.

「Heyy… what is happening?」

A trap! About 200 soldiers fell inside a Hole. We can't see how deep it is.
We were astonished by the spectacle, but he seemed disappointed with something.

「Oh no, even though I properly wrote on the signboard "Please from now on, enter with only 6 persons.」

Thus, 200 markers disappeared from the map.

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With the monitor, we can the fallen soldiers (about 100 meters underground). To be honest, I don't think they look good down there, such a pity.

「Come on!? Where is your pride as a Dungeon Master?」

Seraria, after coming here, said that she doesn't understand the reason. However, I'm the one who don't understand what she's talking about.

「Etto… Can you explain? What is the pride of the Dungeon Master?
「To arrange monsters, watch them as they develop, watch the war as the soldier reach this place!!」

I got a headache.

「Oriel, Doesn't other Dungeons have any trap?」
「Of course they have, and it's pretty common.」
「I'm sorry Seraria, I don't understand why the previous trap from a short while ago was bad?」
「The soldiers of our country are brave and fight from the front!! To put a pitfall is to act as a coward !!!」
「The other party is attacking the Dungeon with a lot of manpower, is it any better?」
「It's… !! No, it's not fair!!」

Seems like the talk isn't going well!?

「Sorry, because Seraria-Sama's fighting force don't like the dark side, with their principles, they fight brilliantly. They are the pride of our country, Roshuru.」

After Oriel said so, a question hatched in my mind.

「Your country… Do you have a strategist? Or an advisor?」
「Huh? What's that?」

Seraria is looking doubtful, she tilted her head to the side.

「The strategist is the one who plan and win the war you know?」
「Even if a strategist appears on the battlefield, it would be useless. You should know that everything is based on the will of the heaven. How do you win against more enemy? If the enemy is stronger than me, I can't win without getting help from heaven's luck. Even if I would use cheap tricks, it's wasteful, and won't improve my chance of victory.」

That reminds me of the European middle ages civilization, where no "Strategist" or "Adviser" existed. This world should be the same.

「The words from Seraria are a bit over the top. Even if they all crash the same way, when a strong fellow appears, you need to take measures against him. Furthermore, a lot of unknown factors exist, skills for example.」

Oriel added, is a person strength defined by his level or skill? If a person levels up, then he's strong. If he's strong, then he becomes an absurd entity. Do you think an incomparable character like this will appear easily? With that much, isn't a strategist unnecessary?

「The virtuous and righteous one, did they always attain victory in the past's battles? Virtue doesn't mean invincibility. I will show how you can always remain victorious in every battles」
「Victory within every battle… What?」
「There's a saying inside a book from my world, 「Always think about the methods bringing the fewer casualties. I'll explain it properly next time.」
「What? They already invaded the Dungeon!! And they're on rampage!!!」

At least try to understand my explanation. She's crying right now, Seraria.

「Ane-Sama don't want to win? Are you feeling bad?」
「It's alright Herge… Oriel, did you notice?」
「What's the matter?」
「This fellow, he didn't take any damage yet…」
「Aaa!!」
「!?」

The situation finally got noticed by Herge and Oriel. That's right. Damage to the Dungeon, none. Damage to my followers, none. However, the injured enemies amount to around 200.

Both of them looked at me in surprise. Seems like opponent-san started to realize too. The signboard warning them that only 6 people can pass at the same time? Indeed, they found it.

The next room is 500 meters long hallway. If the number matches 6 people, the door open, and you can enter.
I used the DP from the past 10 days to summon [Bloody Minotaur]. According to its name, it's a level 95 monster.

Soldiers, for an instant, the 6 of them shook.
But they aren't the royal guards for the show, they started to act immediately.
On the other hand, the Minotaur didn't move an inch.
「Why it's not moving!? Quick, start the fight!!」

Seraria became confused and shouted at me. It's not a mistake, though.

「It was an order. Don't move from here ?」
「Don't move…?」
「Hey - hey - watch the monitor, look, look!」

This room is quite wide, the Minotaur can rampage to his heart content. But… There is also another meaning.
A sound echoes from the monitor.

Gakun!!

『Nuaawaaaaa □□□ !!』
『Kiyaaaaaaa □□□ !!』

「Uh..Once again? A pitfall?」

The darkness from the basement spreads in front of the Minotaur.

『No, Everyone…!! Damned !!』

Oh! Only one person remaining outside the range or the pitfall. Times to change the setting.

『Don't come!!! Uhwaaaaaaaaa!!』

I merely ordered the Minotaur. He did the job perfectly.
「…」
「…」
「…」

I'll let the girls stare at the monitor.

What did you think? That because it was a boss room I wouldn't put any trap? And especially this soldier, he did nothing and stayed here, watching. What were you trying to do without any aim?

「Are you playing? Are you playing with the battlefield? To fight like this and mess with your opponent's pride!! How is it called if it's not cowardice!! All the enemies from the first pitfall were good peoples!!」

Seraria is angry.

「I'll destroy anyone who wants to harm this Dungeon.」

So, If I aim to annihilate the foes inside the Dungeon, the Pitfalls set in locations where a lot of enemies accumulate, are the one with the best efficiency.

「Look, they sent help, after knowing a number of casualties, around 500 of them are coming from outside the Dungeon.」

As an army used to fight with numbers, they always leave men in reserve. And there is no exception for the Dungeon. From the 2000 persons, half of them entered the dungeon and half of them remained on standby.

「You… You put a big trap at the entrance to deal a lot of damage, and then, you deal with them, small group after small group, to draw them in?! How can you do such a thing?」
(TL : Seraria knows how to annoy me.)
「If suddenly, 1000 people die. Would the others come? No, they'll withdraw. But if it happens a bit slowly, then they can save the face of their country.
「Amazing, you even considered the opponent's feeling?」
[Know yourself and your enemy and you shall not lose one out of 100 battles.]
「What's the matter? Those words…Putting that aside, we're in trouble now, thanks to your pitiful tricks.」
「I expected them to attack. I wanted to use them as a mean of information gathering.」
「Data gathering? Is there a reason to consider this strange thing?」
「You know, I want to make them surrender to you. After all, sheltering a noisy princess like you is way too much trouble.」
「What did you say — !?」

「Ano, Yuki-San, how do you want them to surrender? They're still number around 1000 outside…」

While Seraria suffered from the blow, Herge doubtfully asked a question. Naturally, it's a good one.

Thinking about it… should I let the followers join as well?
There is a straight line after the Dungeon entrance. The pitfall remains open. What do you think? Soldiers invading the Dungeon have been completely isolated.

By the way, the pitfall is around 300 meters long. It's impossible, in a short amount of time, to cut trees from the vicinity to build a bridge.

[Etto why would such a thing make them surrender, though?]
[Herge, what do you need in order to live?]
「It's probably foods?]
「In the Dungeon, there is no possibility for the soldiers to replenish food. Also, in the current situation only 6 of them can go at the same time and there is still the heartless Minotaur's trap to beat. As long as this 2 settings exist together, Our foes cannot defeat

us.]

「Furthermore, there is no water inside that floor. At most, someone can live 3 days without water. On the other hand, I don't know if they took any supply like water with them.]

Herge might understand what I said a short while ago.

「In order to survive, they have to surrender.」

Seraria muttered with an astonished face.

「Winning without taking any damage…」
「… I can't believe it.」

Let's wait for our opponents to surrender.
As expected from Sun Tzu's sayings. 「If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles.」 and 「The the supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.」

「Ah, someone fell once again.」

On his way to fight the Minotaur, the brave soldier fell. I'm laughing at the sight of the monitor.
The person was probably serious though. But what about it? In the end, even if I laugh, I don't know how everything will end. Even if I want, there's no way I can.

Chapter 13 - Looking At The Big Picture

side : Seraria . Nou . Roshuru

「Well, what's left now, is only to wait until they surrender. Our opponents are still too vigorous right now, they would most likely refuse.」

He, Yuki, said as if the work was already done. I want to scream. I don't want to admit.
Nearly 1500 people are already inside and invaded the dungeon. From them, around 340 died from a pitfall… without fighting?
The remainder is left alone in the Dungeon. With no food, no water, and no help. The front is their only option, they can only go forward, and at most, with a small group of 6. After that, come the long corridor. Within, there is the perfidious, unbeatable trap. You can't back from there as a pitfall is wide open at the entrance.
When you enter, your only choice is, going forward and fall or going backward and fall. After that, the trap reset.

Elite soldiers, from the Country of Roshuru, are mercilessly dealt by the traps.

Anyone will understand. This is perfection. Only one person, defeating more than a thousand foes.
However, that's the power of a Dungeon Master?
I'm puzzled.
All he did was setting pitfalls, but, he eventually caught the whole army.
Wasn't Yuki the one who spoke about 「Strategy」 and 「Planning」?
According to Yuki, it's how to fight with your head.
Even regarding the stronger opponents, they still can't do anything.
But is this really adequate? Why offer the choice to surrender?
By now, all the soldiers from the army of Roshuru should be inside pitfalls.

「Hey, Yuki… Why do you want them to surrender? After seeing

your previous action, wouldn't they die inside the Pitfalls? 」
「Oh oh, that's the first time you called me by my name. Putting that aside, it's as Seraria said, I can choose to end their life. 」

Yuki admits it. But I don't know about his real intentions…If he killed them here, he wouldn't need to take care of them. Is he considering our feelings?

「You don't want them to suffer, Seraria, the one manipulated by the Minister? 」

Yuki stared at me so seriously.

「Yuki-San… 」

As for Herge, her face was red, her eyes swelled tears.

「A lie. Definitely a lie !! In the first place, it should be impossible for Yuki, while only use his head, to reach this situation. What did you say earlier? A hundred battles? [always think of ways to minimize damage] was it? This must hold another meaning! 」

So, [always think of ways to minimize damage]? If you set such a policy, you wouldn't shelter us. Even if you know the circumstances, you should throw us away. We bore too many risks.
To be honest, it's just guessing… It's my intuition. But, no matter how much I try, I'm stuck, I can't comprehend any further.

「It's as Seraria said, I have another motive. 」
「What is it? 」
「Think by yourself! Do you think I will tell you so readily? 」
「I don't understand !! 」

It's annoying, really annoying. I can't understand at all. But, if Yuki doesn't help, we're totally helpless.

「Explain your plan already. We need your help to understand Yuki. 」
「…Is it good? It will take sometimes, I will talk a bit about my circumstances after all. 」
「If it's only about time, we can have as much as we want. 」
「Not really, if the soldiers surrender now, I will need to act

accordingly.」
「Say it already !!」
「Ane-Sama, please, calm down!!」

Herge caught me. If she wasn't here, I would have probably hit this guy many times already.
The man in question, Yuki, is looking at me as if I was nothing but troubles.

[Where to start…that's right. Don't be rough, please, wait until i'm done talking before asking your questions.]
「Got it.」
「I created this plan in order to help you. It would be nice, once you leave, to not leak about how I manage the Dungeon in public.」

That's true, Herge explained it to me, he became a Dungeon Master recently. He doesn't have any common sense at all.
But, by chance, regarding Herge being saved as an accident, isn't this the only reason could stay alive?

[Thus, after that incident, I helped Herge return to her country.
After that, when hunted by the soldiers, I gave you shelter.
I judged that they would capture and kill you if I didn't let you enter. However, a good opportunity arises when Herge wore the name [dungeon master」. Thanks to this, you will be able to persuade the soldiers. They will not kill you, and even help you to return to Roshuru. The more soldiers die here, the fewer allies remain. After you return to the capital, and take over the control, with the help of the soldiers, I will be able to spend my days leisurely.]

「I understand, if I am able to return safely to the capital, I will help you.」
「Thank you very much for saying this in advance, before your return.」
「Didn't you think we would get rid of you?」
「In the end, it may turn out like this. That's why, this time, I used the soldiers in order to train, in case you would become my enemy. Indeed, thanks to them, I managed to learn many precious things.」
[I see, so it didn't matter to you how things will turn out…..You are

truly terrifying. However, why did you have Herge act as the Dungeon Master? Was it that it would have been fine for you to leave, Yuki?]

[that was a simple matter. All I did was transforming the idea of [The Dungeon Master is safe」 into [The dungeon is under the control of the powerful Holy Woman」 which one do you think is more acceptable nationally? And by the upper echelon as well?]

[it will definitely be the latter. Though the former is not impossible, in front of such a dangerous bridge, the choice of having Herge act as you intended is much safer.]

Really? I might fall for Yuki… Moreover, it is not a mistake to say that Herge is attached to the Dungeon Master as well. To have him as an enemy is really fearful. But, to have him as a friend is heartwarming and encouraging. Honestly, if Yuki turns into my enemy, It's impossible for me to even think about capturing his dungeon.

「However, we need to think about how we can deal with the Loire. Otherwise, you would not be able to make allies and revolt against the Royal Capital.」

We needed to do something about Loire, who drove us into this situation huh? Until we do this, the capital will be dangerous. Even if we do return now, how many would hear us? we will probably be disposed of immediately using the fact that we are monsters.

「Ah ah, I think it's fine already.」
「Uh, what do you mean?」
「I received news from Mauve.」
Mauve? The man who turned Herge into a slave? And threatened her? Even if Herge forgave him, I will never. I will beat him to death.

『First, As Yuki said, Oujo-Sama and the king got assassinated .』

「「EeeeeeEEEeeeeeehhh！！」」

『Hey, did I just heard Oujo-Sama?』

「Ah, explain more please.」
『I'm not done. I'm not done. With the help of our collaborators, we could prevent the assassination.』
「Eeeh, Collaborators??」
『That's right, according to the schedule, the King sent a messenger, with the notice. 『Because I got assassinated, return immediately.』 The soldiers will return in a few days.』

Only…The things Yuki and the others are talking about…

「Explainnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn！！！」

My scream was definitely not a funny one.

Chapter 14 - Collaborator

side : ? ? ?

『Could you explain the previous situation?,Who are those collaborators and how did you manage to prevent the assassination? You did well, though, after calculations, you had only 10%
chance to do it.』
『Stop joking around!! Did you plan on leaving Aria-nee-sama to die!?』

On the monitor, the second princess of the country, Seraria-Sama, attacked the man who asked the question. After all, it looks like the fact that Mauve knew the princess beforehand was true.

『I will explain everything. Please Herge, Oriel, help me and restrain the Drills. Because we can't ignore this unskillful, and annoying Princess, i'll start from the beginning.』
『Ane-Sama, please, I request your calm』
『Seraria-Sama, even if Yuki is irritating, please control yourself as the talk can't go forward.』

I was relieved, seeing Serira-sama separates from him.
Herge □ Rou□Roshuru. Unlike me, she's a real Holy Woman, she received the divine protection from the lord Lily-Sama.

The disturbance was caused by your assassination 『Herge □ Rou□ Roshuru』 .

「aahah!! She's such a high spirited Oujo-Sama, unlike Herge」

Mauve-San is laughing. Although I heard from him the circumstances behind his meeting with Oujo-Sama, such a casual way of doing things can be considered as a strength and a weakness.

『Silence!! Mauve, I heard about your behavior from Herge. It's not because she forgave you that I will comply. One hundred times!! I will slap you One hundred times!!』

「Isn't it a story from the past? But with your tiny arms Ojou-Sama, i will welcome you any time」
『Heh, despite her slender arms, this Ojou-Sama is a level 63 Valkyrie you know?』
「Bu!? A level higher than mine!? Furthermore a woman as a vanguard!! Wait, if I let you hit me 100 times, i'll die !!」
『It's alright!! Herge can heal you every time I hit you… Fufufufufu…』

So that's the reason, Seraria is a battle maniac. This is the first time I heard about her class. I'm surprised, this class is like a god of war who rises in the battlefield, cutting
without distinction between humans and demons.

『An act is fine, but now, please start with the real talk.』

Who's that man? Guessing from the flow, it seems that he is the only one who can push forward the conversation. In regard to the Princesses, Mauve-San, and his buddies were the ones who helped them. So who in the world is this man?

「Understood. Then Oujo-Sama, for now, let's put the matter regarding the hundred on hold. I hope for a penalty reduction, though.」
『Rejected. Now speak about the details.』

It's not yet the time for me to intervene. And for the time being, I'm still interested in this story.

「Let's see, from where should I start the story…」
『Mauve-Dono, please start from the moment right after I left with Seraria-Sama and Herge-Sama.』
[I wasn't there at the time. If I was there, would you reconsider that matter a bit?]
『Not possible. If anything, you should be happy that I was unconscious due to the poison. If I could move at that time, the first thing i would do is to kill your bunch.』
[So scary. Then I'll explain from the vicinity.]

Side : Mauve, Somewhere in the past.

「That's my first time coming to this guild, do you have any valuable work?」

I was supposed to buy a slave after parting from Curse and Raija, but after getting in touch with Yuki, when he said 「I'm looking forward to seeing your taste in woman」, I decided to involve Raija and Curse.

[Yuki probably wants to hit right into your delusion. At any rate, it's bad if I don't examine everything as being told. I have to check the army's movement. Please, go inside the adventurer's guild and gather some information.]

That's how it was up to the present day. However, I'm becoming more and more suspicious. This evil scheme may only on after spilling some blood.

While I was pondering about such things, a slightly older sister replied to my question

「There is 2 types of request. The first one depends on your rank and the second one is open to everyone. By the way, what is your rank? Without knowing I can't give you proper advice.」
「Oups. Here, take this.」

I took my guild card from my bosom. It's an amazing tool. It can hold the record of completed quests, the number of monsters subjugated and it can even store money.
When I told it to Yuki he replied 「It's better than the other side because it's a fantasy world after all…」. If this guy's hometown doesn't have something like a guild card, it is really inconvenient.

「Oh!! It was Mauve-San after all. The Protector Hero. 」

「When the girl raised an utter cry, I became the center of attention for the people from the guild.」

「Oi oi, Mauve, That Mauve-San?」
「A guild card can't be falsified, there are no mistakes, he is the hero.」

「Protector Hero?」
「Precisely, I heard that there was once an attack orchestrated by the demons against a city from the country of Gal. Because the main soldiers under the Town's Lord were away in
order to exterminate a group of thief, the Town was led near his extinction.」
「At that time, a man stepped forward and led a small group of adventurers to defend the Town. They perfectly reprimanded the demons.」

They're talking about my younger days here. Sigh. Usually, because I don't want to expose myself, I usually hit the receptionist desk. But this time, it was different. I did it in order to make my job easier.

「Say, Mauve-San, Weren't you under a contract of exclusivity with that town?」

「What, was it not transmitted here? Is this a flag? When Princess Herge came here, she promoted me..」

「That's the case since the war started.」
「Ee! I didn't hear about such a thing! Please wait a little bit, I need to talk to the Guild Master.」

I wonder why? The guild should be able to exchange information easily. .Although they might not have a monitor, they should still have a communication crystal so they can still
transmit sound. I think that the main guild was in the holy kingdom of Ritea right?

「Can you stay here for a bit? I'd like to hear a story from you?」
「I'm honored to be able to help a level 8 adventurer like you. What would you like to hear? 」
「Can you tell me the situation of the war? Because, as a level 8 adventurer and under contract with a Town, I couldn't get much information.」

Meanwhile, I took out my purse. Gold is often used by adventurers as a mean to exchange information.

「I see, I don't mind telling you this much for a few golds. About this story, everything started inside a village from the Country Gal. After she heard how awful was the treatment for the people living there, the Holy Woman decided to head out in order to save the village. However, Gal considered it as an act of aggression and claimed that she was a fake sent by our King. This led to the current situation and that's how everything began.」

Hey! How can it become such a story here? The princess was completely put under the light. No, that's understandable, but some items didn't fit with this story.

「Mauve-San, The Guild Master is calling for you.」
「Sorry that I have to go, here, you may take this.」
「No, no I'm okay, there is no need.」
「Don't worry about this, it's meaningless for me.」
「Thank you… I hope to become an adventurer like you in the future.」
「You should quit already, you don't want to end up like me…」

Things being said, I met with the Guild Master for my interview.

「Sorry, Although I got the proof from the headquarters that your testimony was correct, a problem came up.」
「What's the matter?」
「I will not be wrong if I say that you already knew about the communication crystals?」
「Yes, I heard about the communication crystals, you can contact someone else owning another one.」
「That's the problem here, only the guilds use this kind of stuff. It's convenient in order to contact each other guild branch.
「How is that a problem?」
「It's usually not an important matter, but in time of war, there is the possibility that a guild may be doubted as a spy.」
「Sounds legit.」

「Now that you understood our circumstance, we can talk properly. I know that we may be a bit overdoing things, but we are suspecting you. An adventurer does often take over a mercenary quest when their country is at war. But it seems like you ran from your hometown, which was close to "that" village after all.」

「Because the war came nearer, I escaped and came here. But I got it, I should stop listening right now and take my leave.」
「I'll talk for you so please be assured. You were able to escape here in order to escape from troubles. You should not try to participate in this guild's request to participate in the war. Otherwise, it would be really troublesome…」
「I'm indebted to you now」
「No need for worries. What about your party? Are the members safe?」
「We're lodging at the same inn inside the capital.」
「That's a relief, we will help you. So, try not to do anything reckless」

Look like I passed, what a relief.
After collecting a bit more information, I joined together with Raija's party.

「And so, that's about everything I learned inside the Guild.」
「My Old Man already talked about this once before. The Guilds, aside from adventurers, never take part in the fight between countries.」

Curse, as the lord's son, agreed easily with my story. After explaining everything to them, we got fixed upon our next decision.

「What now? We should go to the castle before the princess gets kidnapped.」
「Indeed, but listen to this interesting story.」
「What, a story?」
「Oriel ran away from the country, and the soldiers already gathered to make pursuit.」
「Oriel running away does probably mean that the princess already left.」
「All the soldiers are elites from the Royal Guard. Though they should be sent to fight against Gal.」
「Isn't it only a coincidence? It could be a strategy meeting, right?」
「That would be good, but what if they are preparing for something else?」
「It's too early to jump to the conclusion.」
「Yeah, We don't know their numbers and their aim. What is the

army thinking? 」
「That's not our problem for now unless they plan to chase for the Princess. 」
「We should go back to the inn and contact Yuki. I don't know whether he will lose, but winning will be hard thing. 」

After that, we reached the Inn and got into contact with Yuki.

『Humph, it's a difficult matter.
「Yes
『I'm not yet able to conclude, I don't have enough information. 』
「Contact me when the army starts their move and also try to estimate their numbers.
Understood, we will contact you when the time comes 」
『Try to find who is leading the army … And whether there is any strange human being mixed within the army. 』
「A strange human? What do you mean? 」
『It's hard to explain, basically, you should look for someone not usually found within an army, like a minister, a merchant or a messenger from the kingdom. 』
「An official, in order to move the army? 」
『Not in order to move the army, but more in order to take over another country, is that a good reason? 』
「I don't understand, can you please explain as I got no idea what he is talking about.? 」

I asked Curse who probably understood it better than me.

「Mauve-San, Yuki probably mean to 「Please stop the assassination of the King if you can 」
『Exact 』
「Right now, if someone suspicious is with the army when the King gets assassinated, he will be regarded as innocent. 」
「I disagree because he's not around the scene, wouldn't he also be considered as a suspicious person? 」
「Yeah, but that's not what he is aiming for. He will hire an assassin and pretend to suddenly know about it. Quickly bringing the army back, he'll be able to earn himself high evaluations. They will say something of the like "this country's Minister is a good man, loyal and intelligent". 」
「Obviously. 」

「Furthermore, this army consists of this Country's elites. The King himself will be blamed for is own assassination, because he sent all the army to do a meaningless fight. This will
lead the Royal Family in a really dire situation, They will still exist, but without any power.」
「And that crafty man will seize all the power.」

Afterward, Curses asked Yuki about his own thought on the matter.

『Magnificent, it's almost up to my thoughts. Do you want to replace me as the Dungeon Master?』
「I refuse, it would remind me of my younger days, as the lord's son I did not have any freedom.」
『Such a pity. Nonetheless, it's necessary to stop the assassination in order to break the enemy's plan.』
「It will prove to be really difficult…」

I can't understand at all why they worry this much…

A simple matter, we could end it only by saying to the King he might get assassinated!!
「…」
『…』

Yuki and Curse stared at me with a blank gaze. I wonder what is wrong about what I said?
As I thought about it, Reija placed his hand over my shoulder.

「Think carefully, we have no relation to the King. He would throw us in jail for less than this. Think about his face and how he will get insulted if some mere commoners like us say something as unbelievable as this.」

So it was like that, how troublesome.

「Should we secretly protect him during the night or something?」
「It's a possibility, but when it comes to you, his chances of surviving are really small.」
「I will try to earn some knowledge and obtain maps about the castle as much as I can.」
「Not like the assassination will happen immediately. But it will be

proven quite difficult.」
『Be careful, because if you do this the wrong way, the Royal Family might end up thinking that you're the one trying to assassinate the King.
That's why, Mauve-San, because you're bad with this kind of things you should head to the slave market for the time being. Ah, and don't forget to report the army's movements like I told you.』

This was how the talk ended, I quickly observed the army and found that they departed on the next day.

『Minister Loire… This guy looks good enough to be the ringleader of this plan. But if it comes to this, he isn't someone you can deal with your current level, and without me landing a hand anyway.』
「About that, we managed to know about their numbers. It's an army of 2000 soldiers. Please don't die.」
『Oh ! They took into consideration the fact that I can escape. I'll only be using them as a mean to test the Dungeon after all, and please, tell me if they send any reinforcement.』
「Alright, you can leave it to me.」

After the report ended, I went to continue my shopping.
By the way, Raija and Curse refused to come with me at the shop… At this rate, I will have ended up buying all the slaves according to my tastes.
While I was Loitering around the Town… I met with a little group of youthful,elegant and alluring women!

「I..I came for an important business. S.. so.. I can't accompany you.」
「Ah? You're wrong, though?」
「Seems so. Let's have fun together !!」
「Can you see those huge breasts? I intend to use them you know?」

Did you think I'm foolish? On the contrary, I agree that when I was younger… No, I must have been one until recently. Her chest… They are like big melons….or more like watermelons?
They're overflowing, indeed, they're suitable. But because I still love my wife, even though she's dead, I'm not ready to be driven in pleasure once again.

「Haihai, although you're really alluring, aren't you ashamed to do this being so young?」
「Nieee?」
「What did you say old man?」
「We are rank 4 adventurers you know? Do you understand the meaning?」
「Humpf」

She looked at my figure, probably thinking that I'm another weakling. You should not judge someone by his appearance, you know?
Did I meet her somewhere? It's almost as if I can remember her.
Does she resemble Herge? No way, she got blue hair and an overwhelming chest, then, is it about her atmosphere?

Oi ! Are you listening to me, Old man?
Stop ignoring us!!
Let's beat him !!

And just like that, all of them jumped at me at the same time. However, I only needed a few breaths.

「Let's see, little girl, Did we already met somewhere?」

The three girls were already sunk into the ground.

side : ???

『And that's when you met her… I mean the collaborator.』

While saying so, he, altogether with everyone, turned their gaze into my direction.

「I'll be the one continuing the story.」

I took one step forward.

「Allow me to introduce myself, I'm from the Saint Country Ritea, My name is Lulu, previously known as Lulu Ritea. Formerly, the Holy Woman of Ritea.」

I said so and took off the hood hiding my face, together with my

glasses.

Chapter 15 - Mass Production Of Holy Women

Side : Lulu

Herge-Sama, Seraria-Sama and their retainer Oriel widened their eyes upon seeing my appearance.
(TL : After she took off her hood and her glasses at the end of the last chapter.)

(Oriel) 『Lulu-Sama!? Wh,why on earth would you be in a place like this? What happened inside the Holy Country Ritea?』
(Seraria) 『Hold on, Lulu dismissal!? Wait ? What happened inside the brains of the Higher-ups?!』
(Herge) 『Lulu-Sama, someone like you got dismissed? How can it be?! Such foolishness!!』

The three of them were heavily surprised upon knowing my dismissal.

(Lulu) 「Yes, I'm not a Holy Woman anymore as per the will of the Higher-ups. The title I used to have is now merely a name. You can say that it's the cause of the current discussion.」

Everyone became silent as I said so. However, this man was able to swiftly break the silence. Who is he really?

(Yuki) 『Up to this extent, I can read the situation. Although I got a few questions to ask… Is it really possible to mass produce Holy Women?』
(TL : 「」 Is used for Lulu's group. 『』 Is used for Yuki's group. Remember, Mauve can contact Yuki with some kind of "Phone magic")

The Air froze at the sudden and impudent question. To mass produce Holy Women like they were mere livestock can be seen as an evil and blasphemous act incurring punishment.

(Herge) 『Yuki-San?! You can't!! To speak about such heresy to

someone like Lulu!?』
(Seraria) 『Yuki, this definitely can't be ignored!! Herge-sama and Lulu-sama are people who bear the name of Holy Woman and holds the hopes of many. To even consider mass producing them!!』
(Yuki) 『No, this is a matter of fact. Look, isn't there someone who can prove it here?』

The man called Yuki denied them firmly… Holy Woman should be a unique existence… But, in fact, we are three of the same kind present here.

(Seraria) 『… Lulu, as the one now entitled with the name of Holy Woman, she is serving under one of the Three Great Noble Families?』

As expected of Seraria-Sama, she's sharp. Even if you can't see it when she's around Herge-Sama, it's not like she never thinks after all.

(Lulu) 「Yes, it's as you said Seraria-Sama. The one bearing the name Holy Woman is 「Arushtell-Sama」. The eldest daughter of 「Literuason」, one of the Three Grand Nobility 」
(Herge) 『Such a prideful young mistress, she might not understand all of her responsibilities, but she should be doing a great job as a puppet with her alluring body.』
(Lulu) 「…I agree although she's not a bad person. To qualify as a Holy Woman, One must have enough willpower and brings an appropriate amount of effort.」
(Seraria) 『The qualifications to become a Holy Woman? Listening to you, Lulu, she is not deserving of her title!』
(Unknown(Lulu?)) 「…」

I can only offer silence as an answer. If Arushtell-Sama were able to grow a little more… she might be able to stop the situation this time. No, I should not push the responsibility upon someone else… I must do my best.

(Mauve) 「I am sorry, I already know about this Young Lady and the fact she is a Holy Woman since I already saw her during my time as an adventurer, but what are the Three Great Noble Families?」

Mauve-San, after only listening since the start, asked this question. To know about the Three Great Noble Families is unlikely for an adventurer who belong to another country.

(Lulu) 「The Three Great Noble Families from the Holy Country of Ritea are three well-known families due to their contributions to the foundation of the country.」
(Herge) 『The Holy Country of Ritea is a religious state. The Holy Woman, although she has the power of healing, it's only an appearance. The one holding all the power in politics are The Three Great Noble Families.』
(Mauve) 「I see.」
(Seraria) 『The right person for the right job. The Holy Woman settles the heart of the citizens, meanwhile, the Three Great Noble Families manage the country. But there is always an exception. Lulu over there can be considered a special case within the history of the Holy Women. Taking into consideration the fact she got bestowed her Holy Power directly from Lily-Sama, she is of an even more outstanding status than Herge.』
(Herge) 『Tha…That's right!! Lulu-Sama has always been my goal Yuki-San!!』

(TL : Basically, Herge is the one holding on Lily's blessing, and Lulu knows about it, but since Herge herself and Seraria don't know about it.. Frankly, it was hard to understand and the Author didn't do anything to make it clear.)

(Yuki) 『Iya, it is a matter of mass production after all… Although you're from a successful generation, can you explain the feelings of someone who successfully inherited the name of Holy Woman? Oops.. I once again changed the subject. Lulu, can you please tell us about the conclusion?』

That's right. Let's move the subject for the next time I'll aboard the subject of the Holy Country of Ritea. Because the previous matter was not explained yet.

(Lulu) 「Certainly. This matter was performed by the Holy Country of Ritea to ensure Herge-Sama's death.」
(Herge) 『M..me!? What do you mean!?』
(Yuki) 『The problem lies within your nickname as Lily-Sama's

Holy Woman.』
(Lulu) 「That's right. It's mostly due to the jealousy of the Higher-ups. Even though it was a bad situation if we think about the uneasiness of the population.」
(Yuki) 『However, I didn't suspect that the scheme was planned by the Holy Country Of Ritea before hearing the story from Lulu. Herge becoming a Holy Woman has certainly made them lose a lot of face.』
(Lulu) 「Although it might be fine if more than one Holy Woman were born in their country, if they were to be born in another country…]
(Seraria) 『It's a great problem, something one the line 「who is the genuine one ～?」 would be spoken by people. In fact, For Lily-Sama to descend should not be a matter for a religious Country isn't it?』

After Seraria-Sama said that, everyone closed their mouths. As they received all the new information, they displayed a face full of thoughts.

(Yuki) 『I now understand the circumstances. On the other hand, they were one step behind.』
(Lulu) 「As soon as I learnt about this matter, I directly escaped the country and Came here in order to save Herge-Sama. But she was already missing. Altogether with Seraria-Sama, they already got kidnapped. I did not know what to do anymore. I did not think that this matter would be later on associated with the assassination of the Royal Family.」
(Yuki) 『Let's see… It might be a blessing in disguise. We can send Mauve and his party to advise and guard the King.』
(Mauve) 「I did not think that this young lady I found within the Town Centre could be the Holy Woman from the Country of Ritea.」

Still, I really wanted to know who is this person called Yuki. This place is full of unusual and important persons, but his behaviour is exceeding my expectation even further.

(Yuki) 『So how about you get started already? Actually, if not for you being in this place, this country was already virtually done. The King of Roshuru and Princess Aria was it? Don't worry, Herge and

Seraria are safe here.』
(Lulu) 「Hue!?」

I couldn't speak, the words couldn't go throughout my throat. What!? Who is this person, really??

(Aria) 「I was being rude. I am called Aria □ rasu □ Roshuru. For saving Herge and Seraria, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.」
(Sixth King of Roshuru) 「This one is the sixth generation of Roshuru. Should I say as expected of you? This one heard from conversing with these guards, this proposal came from thou.」
(Herge) 『Onee-Sama! Otou-Sama!! I, Herge, is safe!!』
(Tl : Otou-Sama refer to her father, the king).
(Seraria) 『Onee-Sama, I am glad that you are safe. As for this damned Old Man, he should die already. Getting bitten by your own subordinate in your sleep is the worst !! Think about the hardships we had to endure here!!』
(Yuki) 『I was the one who suffered the most this time, bastard Seraria!! The only things you did since coming here are sleeping and eating!』
(Seraria) 『Geez… I take baths too.』
(Yuki) 『That's not what I am talking about!! Seraria, are you doing this on purpose? Should I beat your head in shape?』

(Tl : Patience is justice!)

He is quarrelling with the Princess in front of the King without even using honorifics, how… how strong are his nerves? Mor, Moreover shameless… Huh aaa!?

(Aria) 「Ara, Seraria found herself a good gentleman. For someone to be able to talk to the like of her, isn't something common. Wasn't it actually only Herge and Me before? … You used to beat them all.」
(Sixth King of Roshuru) 「You can ask Seraria about their relationship later. This one wants to know first. Who are thou? Lulu doesn't know and Mauve's Party won't tell me. If you don't tell me now, this one will be troubled.」
(Seraria) 『Wait !? Onee-Sama, between us there is no such…』

(Yuki) 『Waaa, Herge, Oriel, please help. As for who I am …』
Finally! He will reveal who he is! As for who he is…
(Yuki) 『I'm a pitiful Dungeon Master involved by incident in this event.』
Someone who can defeat a Hero or the Demon King, someone who has the power to destroy countries, someone called a disaster.

(Aria, Lulu, Mauve and Sixth King of Roshuru) 「EEEEEeEEEeeEeeeeeeeehhhh!!」

The three of us, inside the inn, all raised our voices in surprise. Even his Majesty joined us with a strangled shout.

Chapter 16 - Discussions And Explanations About The Way Of Dungeon Management.

side : Kazuya Torino alias:Yuki

After the king cried for a while, I resumed the talk.

(Yuki) 「I have no evidence, so it's up to you to believe me.
If you're worrying about it, I did not help you out of good will.」

Although it was only good intentions at the beginning, it's fine to assume that I will use them to survive in the future.

(Sixth King of Roshuru) 『Listen clearly. You can say that you are working from behind the scene and that it was not out of good will. But this one doesn't believe it, in fact, this one even has a good impression of you. Nu ahahahah…! !』

Roshuru the sixth said this and laughed. How old is this guy? The King's appearance and his behavior didn't match. It wasn't a bad feeling, though.

(Aria) 『Father, how about hearing the Dungeon Master and what does he want for now?』
(Sixth King of Roshuru) 『Let's see. Dungeon master, what exactly does thou wish for? What would you like us to do? And is there any advantage for us?』

Well, It was already checkmate then. But even if they refused, I can destroy any of the subjugation forces they have.

(Yuki) 「With your help, it is a simple matter. I want to create a Village or a Town inside the Dungeon and I would like you to tell everyone that this Dungeon is Harmless.」
(Sixth King of Roshuru) 『A Village or a Town inside the Dungeon? Why would you do such a thing?』
(Yuki) 「I have to explain it. It might be a bit long and

troublesome. So Herge, Oriel and Seraria, please listen once more because this time's discussion will include all my hope.」
(Seraria)「Yuki, what do you mean? By any chance, where you keeping something secret from us?」
(Yuki)「You know, I am not someone who show every of his skills at the beginning.」

I stopped for one breath. The gazes from everyone gathered on me.

(Yuki)「Let me start with some questions. Because my explanations are long, I'll be likely to forget and not ask it.」
(Seraria)「I understand.」
(Oriel)「Understood.」
(Herge)「I'm okay with it.」

Those three accepted.

(Aria)『I don't mind either way.』
(Sixth King of Roshuru)『This one can't see any problem.』
(Lulu)『…Okay』
(Mauve's Party)『For our party, it's the same as them.』

The other side was okay. Let's get it started.

(Yuki)「First of all, I want to ask you. Why do you think places like Dungeons exist?」
(Sixth King of Roshuru)『Hum? Doesn't they occur naturally?』
(Aria)『That's not the case Father, why would they occur naturally? I would like someone to explain what fundamental he know about them.』
(Lulu)『Then , from my own interpretation and what I could read in records, Dungeons are made with the purpose of luring persons and beasts inside them. You cannot found any record of the existence of a treasure chest inside any ordinary cave, but that is not the case regarding Dungeons. In other words, a reason for Dungeons to lure people inside is, for example, to bring foods in order to live.』

Oh! This Holy Woman, Lulu, could really use her head. I had the feeling, I could not neglect her too much.

(Yuki) 「You're almost right about this Dungeon. Even if you think otherwise, please listen 'till the end… 」

I explained the concept of DP and how they were provided.

(Sixth King of Roshuru) 『I understand. As the Dungeon Master, it's a more efficient way to earn DP if people live inside the Dungeon than doing one fight after another.』
(Yuki) 「I hope to change it. Try to compare it. Imagine your own country being abducted. It's the same as putting a tax in order to not let people starve to death. 」
(Sixth King of Roshuru) 『That is a possibility. However, how can you explain the actions of the other Dungeons? Among many old records, it is said that a Dungeon's Master only bring disaster.』
(Yuki) 「How should I explain it if I want you to understand? That's fine. If your Country is overflowing with money and power, can you say that the nobles are not blinded by it? 」
(Sixth King of Roshuru) 『It's not different, the current situation is enough to demonstrate it.』

The King shook is head, his face seemed tortured.

(Seraria) 「… Wait a moment. If that's the case, isn't the present situation bad? 」

Seraria meddled in.

(Herge) 「What do you mean, Ane-Sama? 」
(Oriel) 「Now I understand. Herge-Sama, How does a Dungeon seems to look for the world these days? 」
(Herge) 「That's… Something that must be subjugated immediately once it appears. But some Dungeons also become places used for the sake of training. Compared to the Dungeon Yuki-San is making… Hahhh 」
(Seraria) 「Yes, that is the problem. We didn't know about this Dungeon before the Royal Guards came here. 」
(Herge) 「Now that it completely won against the army of Roshuru… 」

Seraria had a headache.

(Sixth King of Roshuru) 『Wh..what, even if they were not that numerous, the best of our army!?』
(Lulu) 『Huuh!?』

The King and Lulu were completely surprised. But not Princess Aria, she was smiling. Something is wrong with her.

(Seraria) 「Then Yuki, What will you do about it? The Dungeon now look the same as the one from legends. The worst kind of Dungeons.」
(Yuki) 「No problem, even though it was a complete victory, not much damage were done to the enemy. If around 1500 of them return safely, this shouldn't be any problem, no?」
(Seraria) 「Yuki, that's wrong. Only sending the Royal Guard back without doing anything else will connect to this Dungeon reputation.」
(Sixth King of Roshuru) 『If This one promote the construction of a village inside your Dungeon. This one will earn the disapproval of the citizens and the officials. Then, this one would not be able to support you.』

Fufufufu, we already reached halfway throughout the plan

(Yuki) 「Well, This Dungeon may get a bad reputation out of this. However, what would happen if another Country learn about this army's defeat?」
(Sixth King of Roshuru) 『When you consider the recent actions of the Holy Country. They will have an opportunity to conspire with Gai against Roshuru. Using what happened with Herge, they will say that the fake Holy Woman is disturbing the order of the world.』
(Yuki) 「Oh, that's probably what will happen. So, did you think about a solution?」
(Sixth King of Roshuru) 『Spread the news, we succeeded in the Dungeon's subjugation and place a gag order about the defeated army.』
(Yuki) 「What do you think is better?」
(Sixth King of Roshuru) 『A better solution? Do you have any?』
(Yuki) 「Yeah, if Herge dies, it's also a good solution. If you do that, everything can be settled. Internally and Externally.」
(Herge) 「Eeeh!? Am I going to die!?」

(Yuki) 「Calm down Herge, we're talking about impersonation. I will definitely protect you, so don't worry!!」

Ohhh, you didn't have to be so loud near me, did you? It was about the time I get to the point now.

(Sixth King of Roshuru) 『Herge being alive is an obstacle for the Holy Kingdom of Ritea and they are bound to know that the Herge living inside the Dungeon is the real one. They are surely going to try and assassinate her. What more, this matter is bound to be leaked out. It will become a reason for Ritea to come and attack us.』
(Yuki) 「That's the point. It's fine if the Dungeon gets a bad reputation. I will make a separate Dungeon and you can promote the construction of a new village here.」
(Seraria) 「Come to think of it, you said before that you could create a fake Dungeon Core… Yuki, you'll be fine either way. 」
(Yuki) 「I told you before right, it was an experiment. This way, I can firmly deal with my opponents. This way, I will be able to improve and strengthen the next Dungeon event more. In order to protect the one living inside the Dungeon.」
(Seraria) 「Strenghtening it more, even if it's already this strong huh… That's fearsome.」

Seraria said it with an amazed look on her face.

(Lulu) 『Wait!! Are you saying, it's possible to create Dungeon Cores!? Wasn't it impossible for a Dungeon Master to survive without a Dungeon Core!?』

Lulu seemed very surprised. Probably because I forgot to explain it, huh.

(Yuki) 「You most likely got the wrong person. The one you were talking about was a Dungeon Boss. If they disappear when the Dungeon Core is stolen, that means they were controlled by a Dungeon Core.」
(Lulu) 『You said an amazing thing. Doesn't a Dungeon Boss is equal to a Dungeon Master?』
(Yuki) 「The next part of the story is a bit complicated. You should hear it from Herge or someone else. Real Dungeons Masters like me

are very few in reality.」
(Lulu) 『Wha…what are you saying… How do you generate a Dungeon Core!?』
(Yuki)「You can, of course, do it with DP.」
(Lulu) 『Please, wait a moment if we dive in the Dungeon right now…』
(Yuki)「Other Dungeon masters can obtain DP but refining the Dungeon Core, it helps them expand their Dungeons. But if the Dungeon Master dies, congratulation! No more construction. The Dungeon Core will only accumulate DP.」
(Lulu) 『Perhaps even the Dungeons used for training are…』
(Yuki)「The possibility exists, in my case, I can take control over a Dungeon Core by touching it.」
(Lulu) 『Then come immediately!! Rather than Dungeons made by someone unknown, you're a much better choice right!?』

The shout was made by Lulu, with an expression full of astonishment.

(Yuki)「No way! I don't want to die yet. If you want me to go outside of my Dungeon, you have to accept my conditions and calm the Country.」
(Sixth King of Roshuru)『If this one cooperates, and this one says that he conquered you, would you mind it?』

Roshuru's King looked like he was ready to try.

(Yuki)「I told you, either way, are fine to me. Although I won't show mercy if you repay my kindness with hatred. I will definitely kill you all and turn you into DP. And if you break your promise, I can always abandon this Dungeon and create another one in a different land. I already got the prerequisites to create a small Dungeon. and it only takes from 3 to 20 days anyway.」
(Herge)「Huummm, Yuki-San, by the present situation, those who entered the Dungeon until now are…」
(Yuki)「Until now, it was only Herge's group and the army.」
(Sixth King of Roshuru) 『You managed to obtain a complete victory over our army with a Baby Dungeon… Like Seraria said, that's fearsome.』
(Yuki)「What will you choose?」

The King loosened his shoulders.

(Sixth King of Roshuru) 『This one will accept your proposal. But this one hope you can hear his only request. Could you shelter Herge with you? There is no safest place than your Dungeon actually. This one may sound selfish and be the lowest kind of parent. But between his people and Herge, this one will choose his people. You can think that this one is Heartless. 』

The King made a deep bow toward me.

(Yuki)「Judgement is an essential thing for a ruler. King of Roshuru, I'm trusting you. As long as you don't betray this trust, I promise to protect Herge. If you manage to stay alive and settle the situation, Princess Herge will one day be able to return to the outside world.」

I was looking at my surroundings after I gave this answer. No… Should you return a bow with a bow?
(Seraria)「Yuki, what are you doing all of a sudden… It suits you but… It doesn't seem like something you would do.」

Saying so, Seraria looked as if she saw something unbelievable.

(Herge)「Yuki-San… Thank you… ve,very much…」

Herge was sobbing.
I had a strange feeling about this.

(Yuki)「Since it has already been decided that we will cooperate. Because Ritea is going to discover this eventually, I might need your help and change my strategy and the way I manage the Dungeon.」
(Sixth King of Roshuru) 『This one understand. What is your plan?』

While laughing, I kept going with the conversation.

(Yuki)「First, you need to smoke out the bugs inside Roshuru. Seconds, you need to keep Ritea on check.」

Isn't this the final act already?
I still need to plan the stabilization of the country, though.

Altogether with the management of the Dungeon once it stabilizes. I know that I would eventually be a part of this in order to achieve my goal, to think that I had to lend a hand this early…

Lucky or unlucky?

Chapter 17 - Is It NDK In Various Ways?

Side : Seraria □ Nou □ Rochelle

I never thought that I would stand on the stage and play a part of this drama. Although I don't like taking part in a farce, when it was for Herge, I had no problem.
Because She is my beloved little sister. Before my eyes, I watched the three monitors.
On the first one, I could see that damned old man. On the second one, I could see the soldiers. And on the third one…

(Messenger) 『Loire-Sama!! It's an emergency!! Let's return to the castle!! The King and the Princess were assassinated!! The castle is in total chaos right now !!』
(Loire) 『Wha..what!? The King…!? And the Princess…!? I understand, I will bring back the soldiers immediately!! I am sorry messenger, can you return to the castle immediately and arrange for my return?』
(Messenger) 『Please depart immediately. I may leave now.』

Yeah, this one standing outside the Dungeon is Loire.
Yuki sent specially arranged protected small animals to scout him…
How cunning.
It made me realize how strong he was. In a completely different way than myself.
His plan was to show off everything happening outside to the soldiers inside.

[content_protector password＝"CAPTCHA"]After Loire sent the messenger back, and without knowing anything about the plan, he started to chuckle to himself.

(Soldier X) 『Loire-Sama, now Roshuru is almost in your possession.』
(Loire) 『Uhue, The Holy country Ritea only wanted to remove Princess Herge. It was nothing artistic, but thanks to cooperating whit them, I obtained huge benefits!! A reward in the form of a

country!!』
(Soldier X) 『However, what to do with the soldiers remaining inside the Dungeon?』
(Loire) 『You can ignore it, they will die as it is. Even if they ally themselves with Princess Herge of the Dungeon, It doesn't matter any more. If they impudently come to the Royal Capital, they will be captured and executed.』
(Soldier X) 『What about the foolish soldier, charmed by the Dungeon Master, remaining at the entrance?』
(Loire) 『What, you don't understand either?! Even if she ally herself with him, she can't reach the Capital.』
(Soldier X) 『Huu, what do you mean?』
(Loire) 『Fufufu, it's an enjoyment for later. The good news reached right on schedule.We will be busy in the next future, all the remaining people inside the Capital missed the King's assassination, none of them can escape. And at that time, with great sacrifice, This Loire will return after courageously conquering the Dungeon in the name of the King!!』
(Soldier X) 『Is seems, you already planned to abandon the soldiers. With this, Loire-Sama's reward will be guaranteed once you return.』
(Loire) 『It's as you said !! Everything was a part of my plan!!』

So foolish, I didn't think he would reveal himself so openly. It's only because of the place that he talked with this dignified manner.
Also, because the remaining 500 soldiers were definitely loyal to Loire.

(Yuki) 「… King Roshuru, what kind of feeling do you have now?」
(Sixth King of Roshuru) 『To be honest…』
(Yuki) 「Well, try to hold it mentally until Seraria return. Everything will be up to her and Herge.」

Yuki said that while looking at Herge and Me.
We nodded back to him.
Now was the time to start the real thing.

(Herge) 「Did you hear that, Soldiers of Roshuru?! This is the truth!! You guys have only been dancing between the palm of Loire since the beginning!! I will not sermon you for what you did before… Rather, I wish to express my gratitude for your loyalty! I and

Seraria Nou Roshuru… 」
(Seraria) 「This Herge Rau Roshuru, If you believe in her words, then raise your sword !!] 」

The soldiers were silent on the other side of the monitor. But one soldier advanced, sword hung up. It was Kur, the direct commander of my army.

(Kur) 『I pledged my loyalty to Roshuru and Seraria!! 』

(Soldiers) 『 『 『WoooOOOOOOO ！ ！ 』 』 』

The soldiers raised their voices loudly, along with their swords.

(Seraria) 「Kur, let's head straight for the castle and take Loire's head. 」
(Kur) 『Yes !! I abide!! 』

When Herge and I reached the soldiers, the head of the Royal Guards, Aries Lester, gave his sword to Kur and knelt before us.

(Seraria) 「Kur, what's the meaning? 」
(Kur) 「Ah, Captain Aries is asking for punishment. He wants to repent for the matter with Loire. 」
(Seraria) 「Aries… 」
(Aries) 「I am ready to receive any punishment you may end up thinking. As I am technically responsible for the death of your Father and Elder Sister whom I had to protect. I won't mind even if you behead me in this place. 」
(Seraria) 「That won't do. 」
(Aries) 「Why… 」
(Seraria) 「You heard Loire's speech earlier. My father and my Elder Sister… The king and the Princess might be dead. Nonetheless, the country is still here!! So why is your reason to wield that sword ?! Was it only for the sake of the King !? 」
(Aries) 「That's… 」
(Seraria) 「Protecting the Country and the King are all for the sake of our people. If you still have this feeling, take up your sword once more Aries, for the people!! 」
(Aries) 「Yaa! This sword. It's an honor to wield my sword for the Princess and the People !! 」

Sigh, I somehow succeed and overcame it. I'm not good with speeches, unlike my *CENSURED* old man.
(TL : Feel free to replace it "クソ"-"Kuso". Fufufuffu)

(Mauve)『Eheh, as expected she only lives in the battlefield. She's cool nonetheless.』
(Aria)『Ohh, to think that Seraria already grew this much!!』
(Sixth King of Roshuru)『Fufufu, why don't we let her become the King instead of this one?』

Krr, Even if it was an emergency, to hear them like this is.. Annoying!!

side : Aria □Ral□Roshuru

(TL : Since the side changed, The bracket 「」 and 『』 changed altogether.)

(Sixth King of Roshuru)「Look like it's our turn to act now.」
(Aria)「Yes, Father.」

As we received the usual report about the advance of Seraria's Army, we heard another interesting report.
The only thing left was to deal with Loire. But we received a suggestion. That Loire might find an excuse and escape if he learnt about the assassination, so we too measures.

(Sixth King of Roshuru)「This one never thought he would have to fake his death.」
(Aria)「Nonetheless, I believe it is a good plan. If we can capture Loire, we will remove the root of the evil. If he does not confess, we can execute him with all the 」

A soldier came while I was speaking and started to report.

(Soldier Y) 「Minister Loire has been seen!! We are done with our arrangements according to the plan. However, if the King doesn't personally pretend to be the corpse, I'm afraid that… 」

With an expression that looked really worried, the soldier reported everything to my Father.

(Sixth King of Roshuru)「Don't worry, Even if this one is already this old, this one is still able to wield his sword. This one is more than enough to deal with Loire!! Can you see this makeup? Doesn't this one look alike to a dead person?」
(Soldier Y)「Ah, hai!! It's an honourable dead face!!」
(Aria)「Fufu fu… It seems that your dead face is excellent, right father?」
(Soldier Y)「I apologise for my rudeness!! 」
(Sixth King of Roshuru)「Hun, Aria will wear the same thing. Therefore, we will be acting as dead people. The remaining part is up to you.」
(Soldier Y)「Ha!! You can leave it to me!!」

Having said that, he immediately started to move and left the room. This soldier will definitely become something big in the future because he remained calm regarding our jokes.

(Sixth King of Roshuru)「But to sleep together… When was the last time we did it?」
(Aria)「Humm, probably because Father became busy since a really long time.」
(Sixth King of Roshuru)「Somehow, we have to thank Yuki for his plan.」
(Aria)「You are right.」

We could hear footsteps coming from the hallway. The door was opened without reserve.

(Loire)「King!! Princess Aria!!」
(Loire's follower)「Please calm down!! Minister Loire!!」
(Loire)「Heeee!! Calm down?!A lie… The King, in such a way…」

Loire shrieked, heading toward us.
Although I couldn't see because my eyes were closed, How on heart was he able to display such a disgusting face toward us.

(Loire)「Leave… I want to have one last talk with the King. So, leave…」
(Loire's follower)「Please, don't openly do anything rash…」

After that, Loire's follower disappeared. As soon as he would reach

a place further away, he'll get caught.
Silence wrapped the room, and after a for a short while, we heard a bitter laugh.

(Loire) 「Kuku…If it's not the Mighty King? Everything went as planned after all. With this, the contract held with Holy Country Ritea is completed. The fake Herge died, and all the other members of royalty from Roshuru died as well. Even if Seraria and Herge return, they would not be able to do anything now. I wish a peaceful life for all of you in Heaven!!」

It was not necessary to explain any further to his retainers when he revealed everything like this.
I wanted to see the faces made by the elders waiting inside the next room.

(Sixth King of Roshuru) 「Fuu…. Is this one looking too old to deal with someone like you, Loire?」
(Loire) 「What? Ki..King!?」

When I opened my eyes, father was already wielding his favorite sword.

It took only five seconds and one of Loire's arm fell on top of the carpet.
(TL : I got a challenge for you, if anyone can come with a better translation : ボトリと絨毯にロワールの腕が落ちます。 Especially with this really confusing part : ボトリと)

(Loire)「Uggiyyyaaaa!! Wh…Why!?」
(Sixth King of Roshuru)「This one got no reason to explain. Quick, someone brings him out!! Otherwise, He will die without treatment!」
(Loire)「!!」

Like this, Loire was brought away.

(Aria)「I was not able to take my turn.」
I said so and got up.

(Sixth King of Roshuru)「You should rather worry about what will

happen next, a big hurdle is coming.」

At the same time my father said this, the door was, once again, opened.
The same soldier from a short while ago rushed inside, displaying an ugly face.

(Soldier Y) 「I have an urgent matter to confer!! One of Loire's underling was within the army Seraria-Sama persuaded!!」
(Sixth King of Roshuru)「Hmmm, it was obvious. What makes you so desperate?」
(Soldier Y) 「That, during the march of Seraria-sama's army, he drew is sword toward Herge-Sama. Although Seraria-Sama didn't meet any problem…」
(Aria)「Imposible…!?」

(Soldier Y) 「He, Herge-Sama got pierced by the sword… and died!!」

This death was the concluding touch.[/content_protector]

Chapter 18 - The Plan Is A Success.

side : Lulu

I was waiting for the other girls inside the Castle. We planned to meet for the first time here.

And she reached the capital… while holding someone's corpse.

(Lulu) 「Seraria-sama!!」
(Seraria) 「Lulua!! Excellent!! Please help Herge immediately!!」

Therefore, Seraria-Sama brought in the fake Herge-Sama as scheduled.

(Lulu) 「Seraria-sama please wait!! She is the cause of everything done by the Holy Country Ritea!! if I'm careless…!!」

「She is a friend of both me and Herge!! We can't help her anymore!!」
「Huh!!」

Kur-San stared at me and displayed a mortifying face. It's a natural act that even I can understand. Despite that, I lowered my head and displayed a bitter face, as if I chewed onto an insect.

(Kur) 「Please, please…!! To Herge-Sama!!」

The voice seems as if it was squeezed out, but I cannot answer their expectation. Because Herge-Sama must pass away at a public location . However, it's not like I won't be doing anything. I could loose my job here, or even worst, my head.

(Lulu) 「With full power!! Extra Heal!!」

The healing's light spread with Princess Herge, who was covered in blood, as the center.

(Kur) 「How, how can that be!! Is this the power of Ritea`s

saint!?」

Kur-San voiced his surprise. That was natural, I had purposely widened the range of the spell as much as possible, in other words…

(Passerby #1)「Ooh!! The pain inside my body is lessening!!」
(Passerby #2)「Hah!! My child's fever went down!!
(Passerby #3)「My waist doesn't hurt anymore!?」

Not only the peoples from the army, the whole Capital was within the range of my spell.

(Seraria)「L,Lulu!? Reduce the output immediately!! It is dangerous for you!!」

Seraria-Sama noticed the changes around us and tried to stop me.

(Lulu)「N, No, Herge-Sama is like a younger sister for me too… I will never give!!」

Like that I used every ounce of magic power I had to hold my spell for the longest time I could…

(Lulu)「Ah.」

Thus, I fell unconscious.
side : Rochelle the sixth

Even if it was an act, seeing my daughter's corpse….
Doesn't this one need to throw some tears as a performance? This one's face was already ragged with tears. Sobsob
(Noble #1)「Majesty!! According to Loire, this was the work of the Holy Country Ritea!! Herge-Sama was considered as a sacrifice to retain their national policy!!」
(Noble #2)「 That's right!! Contact Gai and Ritea right now… No Ritea must be destroyed!!」
(Noble #3)「Do not utter such stupidity!! Gai country will unite with Ritea and attack the country!! We must not be careless!!」
(Noble #2)「 We are on the right side!! How what Herge did can be regarded as a crime!! Since when you can't save people!! We can't remain silent, National Policy?!What allow them to decide for

others?!」
(Sixth King of Roshuru)「Calm down!! That won't solve anything!! The damage dealt will remain in the long term, that's why this one can't do a poor job. This one want to save as many people as he could!! Do you understand!?」
(Noble #2)「Then what do you expect!! Do you want to act as if we didn't know what the Holy Country Ritea did!! Absurd!!」
This one was dumbfounded in front of the tempest caused by the act.

It was natural for the elders to act like that after knowing that Ritea was acting behind the scenes.
Hereafter, the future interactions may expand the war further.
Because this time, the Holy Country Ritea did not want to enter in a state of war, They played the card of the assassination.
In short, the other side dit not want to put a hand into war. In other word, by doing this, they would not need to start a war.
To be honest, as long as Herge was safe, This one want to end things gently. However, most of the Ministers who learnt about Herge death wanted to invade Ritea.

This one was able to stop them with his roar. Nonetheless, everything might collapse from the inside soon.

Therefore, I will make another move. A move in order to stop this scene.

(Seraria)「Father, excuse me for interrupting the meeting!!」

That last move came right on time.

(Noble #1)「Seraria-Sama…」
(Noble #2)「 Princess Seraria…」

Their voices became small, it was natural. When asked who held the most grievance about Herge`s death, everyone's answer inside the country will be Seraria.

When she entered the meeting's room, Seraria purposely displayed a blubbered face.

(Lulu) 「Her story, Would you hear it?」

Lulu was the one who asked this, she appeared behind her.

(Noble #1) 「 Bastard! How dare you appear in this place!!」
(Noble #2) 「Se..Seraria-Sama, why!! She is Herge-Sama enemy!!」
(Seraria) 「Calm down everyone. This Holy Woman, Lulu-Dono, had a good relationship with Herge. This time, she really wanted to save Herge, disregarding the dangers, she used a powerful magic that even cured the injuries of everyone around as a result. You have no reason to suspect here now.」

The ministers got discouraged in answer to the talk. Some ministers had been affected by the spell after all.

(Sixth King of Roshuru) 「She have information regarding the current situation. Will everyone hear Lulu's story?」
(Noble#1) 「If It's your word, my King…」
(Noble #2) 「We understand…」

So, I winked to Lulu-Dono.
Really… It was a complete farce. Nonetheless, the damage would be spread even more if we did not do this.

Even if the holy kingdom of Ritea is responsible, we couldn't meet them now face to face and say that they was the one responsible.

Then what do we do? This was the Dungeon Master's answer.

(Yuki)『If you want to place the responsibility, why don't you place it where it should be ? For example, on the Demon King?』

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(TL : Added to divide the voice in his "Thoughts" and the next part of the meeting)
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(Lulu) 「This riot. It was the Demon King shameful plan.」
(Noble #1) 「What? Did you think that such a ridiculous joke will work!!」

(Noble #2) 「That's right!! You should say the truth!! Know some shame!!」

They showed their disapproval at Lulu-Dono, however a helping hand rescued her.

(Seraria) 「Stop this!! If it was really a conspiracy from the Holy country Ritea, then, why would the Holy Woman Lulu come here alone!!!」
(Noble #1) 「Tha, that's …」

(Sixth King of Roshuru) 「Lulu came here incognito because she planned to teach Herge a new skill!! If Ritea planned something here, why would they sent her Holiness to this place!!」
(Noble #1) 「Certainly… Benefits can't be found here for Lulu-dono right now…」
(Seraria) 「It is as father said. If Lulua didn't come this time, a struggle would break between the three countries Ritea , Roshuru and Gai. Moreover, it would deeply reduce their national powers. I, in the words of the Holy Woman… No, in the words of my friend Lulu, I believe!!」

Seraria stared at me with firm eyes. You should kept your crying face a little more… You displayed too much courage here.

(Sixth King of Roshuru) 「Is it good now?? There was no need for Lulu-Dono to come here to tell the truth and no need in coming here to lie.」
(Seraria) 「Lulu shed tears of grief when Herge died…if she tried to deceive me by acting, I will personally behead her.」

A painful silence covered the whole meeting room for a while.

(Noble #1) 「Fumu…, I think that I will believe in Seraria's and Lulu-dono's story. Even though it was for Herge, she also helped many people…」
(Noble #2) 「I don't have any objections either…」

When one of the ministers gave his approval, they all started to agree until finally, they all had agreed. The plan was almost done.

(Noble #1) 「Afterwards, there is the relation with Gai. 」
(Noble #2) 「Although this matter was planned by the demon lord, it was the greediness of Loire which caused the march on Gai , that's why… 」

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Afterwards we will meet with Gai Country in order to discuss cease-fire and compensation.
It was a splendid move to have Lulu-Dono come here. The meeting advanced almost according to the plan. Thereafter, Roshuru will not have to continue this meaningless struggle any more.
To the one ruling over a country, war should always be the last resort. AAlthough the event caused Herge to be unable to appear in public, I supposed that it was already a good luck she didn't die.

The one who suffered the most this time was probably the demon lord who had not done anything.
After all, the three Countries will rally against him, even though he hadn't done anything. If this story is accepted, Ritea will probably be happy to participate in the alliance.

Although I don't know what Gai will do, they will probably also decide to participate.

Since we were talking about an alliance in order to defeat the demon lord, it will probably bear the name "demon lord subjugation alliance".
From now on, I will probably have to focus on the internal affairs for a while…

(Sixth King of Roshuru) 「How does the dungeon master plan to move from now on? 」

Although I heard his policy, I cant see at all which direction the Dungeon was heading towards.